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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Turner:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (pursuant to S. Res. 400, 94th Cong.), and its predecessor, the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, (pursuant to S. Res. 21, 94th Cong.) has exchanged with your Agency considerable information and documents of a very sensitive nature. For historical and practical reasons, this exchange of information and documents is an essential part of the consultative and deliberative process between the two branches. It is essential that this process continue if this Committee is to discharge its obligations to the U.S. Senate and the American people. When this Committee completes its work in an area, a determination will be made according to the applicable Senate Rules as to what information can and should be released to the public, after a careful weighing of all the relevant considerations. Consistent with this approach, strict security procedures are in effect for all of the Committee's intelligence records.

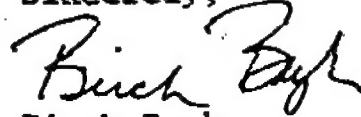
The Committee recognizes that from time to time certain congressional materials currently in the physical custody of your Agency, could become the subject of requests by the public for release. For example, the material requested could include material and information originating with this Committee and its predecessor, or material prepared for the Committee in response to its express interests, or any material resulting from specific questions put to your

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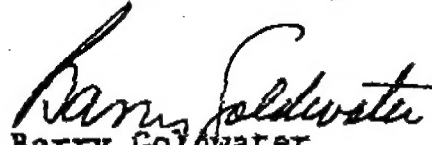
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Agency. It is the Committee's view that Committee material and information should not be disclosed outside of your Agency unless the Committee has reviewed the material and voted release of such material. Should you desire to release any SSCI material for any purpose, we request that you obtain this Committee's approval in writing prior to making such a release.

Sincerely,



Birch Bayh
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Vice Chairman

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